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In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 6832
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Richard J. GALLAGHER et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3731
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Application No.: 10/763,439)	Examiner: Darwin P. Erez
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Filed: January 23, 2004)	
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For: <u>LIGATING CLIP WITH INTEGRAL TISSUE-SECURING MECHANISM</u>		

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2006, to which a response is due without an extension by April 20, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following remarks are respectfully requested since they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: